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In re Application of	:	
Namita Surolia	:	
Application No. 09/763,499	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: August 27, 2001	:	
Attorney Docket No. 2006443-0002	:	

This is a decision on the petition under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 11, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action, mailed April 10, 2007, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on July 11, 2007.

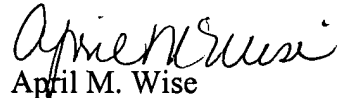
The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and fee of \$405, and the submission required by 37 CFR 1.114; (2) the petition fee of \$770; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional." Since the statement appearing in the petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement is being construed as the required statement. Petitioner must notify the Office if this is **not** a correct reading of the statement appearing in the petition.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See *In re Application of S.*, 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Since the \$525 extension of time fee submitted with the petition on December 11, 2007 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited back to petitioner's credit card.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to undersigned at (571) 272-1642.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1614 for processing of the RCE and for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the amendment submitted in accordance with 37 CFR 1.114.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'April M. Wise', is written over the printed name.

April M. Wise
Petitions Examiner
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